GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
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Operationalisation of Anganwadi Centres
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of sanctioned, operational and non-operational Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) in the country during the last three years and the current year, State/ UT-wise;
(b) whether the Government has taken note that many AWCs have not been made operational despite being sanctioned and if so, the reasons therefor;
(c) the remedial measures taken by the Government for operationalisation of such centres;
(d) whether the Government has also entered into collaboration with private sector/companies to modernize AWCs in the country; and
(e) if so, the details thereof along with the progress made in this regard so far?

Answer

(a) The details of cumulatively sanctioned, operational and non-operational Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) in the country during the last three years and the current year (as on 31.12.2016) are as under :

Year Number of Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) (Cumulative)
Sanctioned Operational Non-Operational
2013-14 1374935 1342146 32789
2014-15 1400000 1346186 53814
2015-16 1400000 1349563 50437
2016-17 1400000 1352045 47955

State/ UT-wise details are given at Annex-I.

(b) & (c): Yes, Madam, Government is aware that many AWCs have not been made operational despite being sanctioned. Government of India sanctions the AWCs on the basis of requirements received from States/UTs. Implementation of the scheme including operationalization of AWCS rests with the States/ UTs. The matter is reviewed by the Government with States/UTs

from time to time. The reasons identified for gap between the sanctioned and operational AWCs are largely administrative, procedural and legal. This Ministry has been impressing upon the State Governments/UT Administrations to take required measures for early operationalisation of sanctioned AWCs.

The implementation of ICDS Scheme including operationalisation of AWCs is continuously monitored through prescribed monthly progress reports, reviews, as well as, supervision visits etc. Based on the inputs and feedback received, State Governments/ UT Administrations are advised through letters and review meetings to address the deficiencies and to improve the implementation of the Scheme including operationalisation of AWCs to bridge the gap and improve the functioning of AWCs.

(d) : No, Madam. However, a Memorandum of Understanding has been signed for construction of 4000 AWC buildings under CSR in selected States.

(e): Does not arise.

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